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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: §  
Matthias Brunner § Group Art Unit: 2829  
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Serial No.: 10/518,780 §  
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Confirmation No.: 3146 § Examiner: R. Velez  
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Filed: June 18, 2003 §  
§  
For: CONTROL DEVICE HAVING §  
IMPROVED TESTING PROPERTIES §

**SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Substitute Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 25, 2008 with one month extension. Please enter this Substitute Preliminary Amendment in lieu of the Preliminary Amendment filed January 24, 2008 and reconsider the claims pending in the applications for reasons discussed below. The Request for Continued Examination Transmittal provides the Commissioner with authority to charge the Applicant for the required fees. The attached Petition for Extension of Time authorizes the Commissioner to charge a one month extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ZIMR/0014/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.